

E-HAPPENINGS

WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE

August 2009

NEWS AND EVENTS

Welcome Back to Campus!

Value of Education Shows in Rising Enrollment

The current economic climate has residents throughout our service area reassessing their careers and their educational goals. In many cases, that means brushing up on skills or completing a college degree or certificate. Fall enrollment to date has shown double digit growth in total headcount and FTE as well the number of new students, continuing students, full-time students and part-time students. In addition, applications for financial assistance are up 39.5% over the same period last year. Just one program example is our Western Nevada State Peace Officer Academy, which is expected to hit its capacity of 40 students next year, up from this year's 21 graduating students. For class and registration information:

<http://www.wnc.edu/academics/schedule/>

Summer Research: Professor Mike Sady Studies Waterfall Fire Impact

Five years ago, the massive Waterfall Fire ravaged homes and land in western Carson City, climbing the hills and almost reaching the college. While images of the fire and billowing smoke are still vivid in the minds of many residents, Chemistry Professor Mike Sady and others have spent this summer exploring the effects of the fire on vegetation. Sponsored by the Nevada System of Higher Education and the National Science Foundation-EPSCoR, Sady and Dr. Jay Arnone of the Desert Research Institute studied burned and unburned areas of the Waterfall area. Sady and



Carson City Open Space naturalist Ann Bollinger have given guided narrative tours of the Waterfall Fire Interpretive Trail above the college and explained their findings regarding re-vegetation, possible effects of climate change, and the impacts of sheep grazing. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2009-08-13b.php>

<http://www.wnc.edu/~mbsady/Waterfall%20Fire%20Study.Sady.2009.htm>

Latino Community Day Brings Families to Campus

WNC Carson City - Saturday, Sept. 19, 9:30 am-2 pm

Free admission, lunch, child care & bus service from Carson & Dayton High Schools

The third annual Latino Community Day College and Career Fair will offer area residents the chance to discover the many career and technical programs Western offers. Visitors of all ages will enjoy college tours, program demonstrations by faculty members, fun activities, and free raffle prizes.

Play Golf to Help WNC Students

Monday, Sept. 21

Thunder Canyon Golf & Country Club, Washoe Valley

Information/Registration: 445-3240

For the 12th time, the WNC Foundation offers an opportunity to get some fresh air and exercise, work on the old golf swing and help our students! The Foundation's annual golf tournament will tee up to raise funds for scholarships that benefit more than 150 WNC students each year. Last year, the foundation awarded \$161,430 in scholarship funds to 164 students in many different academic programs. Those who don't golf still have plenty of opportunities to get involved through sponsorships and donations of raffle items. <http://www.wnc.edu/foundation/>

Harvest Time Wine Grapes Seminar Set in Fallon

Thursday, Sept. 10, 9 am-4 pm

WNC Fallon Campus & Churchill Vineyards

Information: Ginny Dugan – 445-2230/423-5186

Cost: \$25 through September 6/\$30 after that date; includes lunch

Western's successful specialty crop program continues with a presentation on how to grow grapes in cool climates, protect them from frost, and harvest them for peak flavor. Students will also visit Churchill Vineyards in Fallon where grapes will be at or near harvest. www.wnc.edu/sci.



Ongoing Parenting Workshops Assist the Latino Community

Fridays, 5:30-8:30 pm

Carson City Campus; Cedar Building, Rm 207

Information: Lupe Ramirez – 445-3344

Western is offering a series of free parenting workshops in Spanish to aid family relations and help parents understand the importance of supporting their children's educational development. Lupe Ramirez of Student Services said the idea is to give parents skills to offer their children better opportunities.

Upcoming seminars:

August 21: Road to Happiness: Be in charge of your happiness

August 28: New Horizon: Life's opportunities require commitment

ARTS



Art Gallery Season Kicks Off With Faculty Work

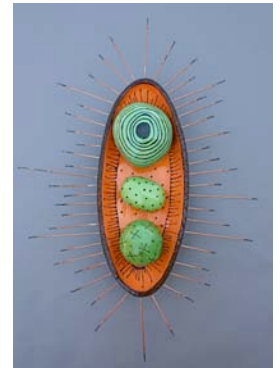
Monday, Sept. 14-Thursday, Oct. 8

College & Main Galleries, Carson City Campus

Reception: Wednesday, Sept. 16, 4:30-6 pm

Free Admission

Western opens the fall art gallery season with works by WNC art faculty members from the Carson City, Douglas and Fallon campuses. Works will represent ranges from the traditional to the contemporary in painting, drawing, photographs, prints and sculpture. They include "Bottle 1" by Gary Brown, at left, and "Boat" by Jill Brugler.



Plan Now for "The King and I" on Stage

Weekends, November 7-22

Carson City Community Center

Evening Performances: 7:30 pm Matinees: 2 pm

Tickets: 445-4249

WNC's Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company will bring this beloved musical to Carson City for the first time. Winner of multiple Tony and Academy awards, "The King and I" tells the story of a British schoolteacher coming to Siam to educate the children of the King, a ruler entrenched in Eastern customs but intrigued with the West. Their unexpected and unlikely affection for each other overrides the vast cultural differences that separate them. The story is embellished by some of Broadway's most beloved numbers, including *Shall We Dance*, *Getting To Know You* and *I Have Dreamed*.

ATHLETICS

Softball Team Helping to Pay Its Own Way

The Wildcats softball team is helping to pay its own way for the coming season while assisting a local organization. Members of the team are spending this weekend working at a state championship shooting event at the Carson City Gun Club. Funds earned by the student athletes will help pay for travel expenses when they begin play later this fall. According to Coach Leah Wentworth, it will also provide an opportunity for the players to get to know each other before daily practices begin.

Western's Softball and Baseball Teams Hit Academic Home Runs



SERIES HONOR—Western players were honored with a barbecue and awards ceremony after placing third in the Junior College World Series.

Grade point average matters as much as batting average when you play for the Wildcats. Both the baseball and softball teams are receiving academic honors. In its first year of existence, the women's softball team earned a 3.11 team GPA and a 92 percent course completion rate. The women's team also plays in the Scenic West and students have to contend with a full course load and road trips to colleges in Colorado, Idaho and Utah. The baseball team earned academic all-American honors with an average GPA of 3.21 with a 94 percent completion rate. The team has achieved academic spring team of the year honors each year since it started playing in 2006. Western was also the only academic all-American team in the Scenic West Athletic Conference and the only squad in the 10-team Junior College World Series to make the list.

Wildcats Score Amazing 11 for 11 in Scholarships

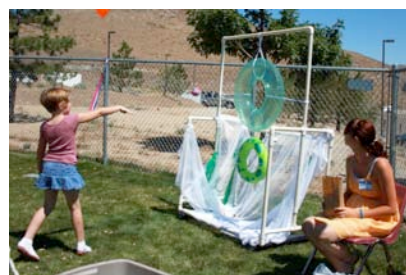
A college baseball team that has only been in existence for four years would usually be light on recognition and tradition, but Western's ballplayers are being eagerly sought by teams that play in the top conferences in the country, and with good reason. This past season, the Wildcats set school records for most number of wins, 48; winning percentage, .774; and number of players who signed with NCAA Division I colleges.

"All 11 sophomores signed scholarships to continue their education and baseball careers at the four-year level," Coach DJ Whittemore said. "Helping players accomplish their goals and having them earn athletic and academic scholarships is what Western Nevada baseball is all about."

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2009-08-21a.php>

COLLEGE CORNER

Child Development Center Offers Quality Care



If you are looking for a day care program that offers fun and education for your child, then the Child Development Center's Kinder-Kids Program for five and six-year-olds may be right for your family. The CDC is known for its neat projects, such as building a pirate ship, science fun and creating a dinosaur habitat. Educational enrichment includes signing words, book-of-the month and vocabulary. The CDC is open year-round from Monday through Friday, 7 a.m.-5:45 p.m. Call 445-4265 for rates. The photo at left shows a ball toss, one of many events at the annual CDC carnival, held August 1.

Congratulations for Earning ABE Certificate of Performance

Jeanne L. Bruce, John Childress, and Angela Shield Andrade have earned Nevada's outcome-based ABE Certificate of Performance during the past year. Congratulations!

Ladies: Register for 4th Annual ACE-OWHE Statewide Conference

Register now for the fourth annual statewide conference for women in higher education. This year's event, "Resilience in Difficult Times," will be held at the Cheyenne Campus of the College of Southern Nevada on Friday, Oct. 16. The conference fee is \$35 through Sept. 30 and includes continental breakfast, buffet lunch, and a chance to win raffle giveaways. Those attending will have the option of selecting from among 15 topics in five workshop sessions, along with an inspirational keynote address by Wilma Mankiller, former Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma and a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Register at:

<https://cedwebserver.unlv.edu/CourseStatus.awp?~093CO3120>. More information from Nancy Flagg at nancy.flagg@unlv.edu, 702-895-1828, or Joan McGee at joan.mcgee@csn.edu.